



Press Release

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On: JUNE HOG AND PIG INVENTORY
DOWN 4 PERCENT

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Austin . . . The June 1, 2004 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 870,000 head, was down 4 percent from the June 2003 total of 910,000 head.

The number of breeding hogs totaled 110,000 head, unchanged from last year, according to figures released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The June 1 market hog inventory decreased 5 percent from a year ago to 760,000 head, 87 percent of the total hog and pig inventory. The inventory of market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds, at 255,000 head, was down 7 percent from the previous year. The inventory of hogs weighing 60 to 119 pounds, at 165,000 head, was up 10 percent from the June 2003 inventory. Market hogs weighing 120 to 179 pounds totaled 175,000 head, a 30 percent increase from last year; hogs weighing 180 pounds or more, at 165,000 head, were down 31 percent.

The March-May 2004 Texas pig crop totaled 404,000 head, a decrease of 8 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.6, down 4 percent from the previous year. State Director, Robin Roark, reported that 47,000 sows farrowed in Texas during March through May 2004, down 4 percent from last year.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2004, is estimated at 60.1 million head, 1 percent above both June 2003 and March 1, 2004. The breeding hog inventory, at 5.91 million head, was down 2 percent from last year. Market hog inventory, at 54.2 million head, was 1 percent above both last year and last quarter.

The U.S. pig crop for March-May 2004, at 25.5 million head, was down less than one-half of 1 percent from 2003. U.S. producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the June-August 2004 quarter, 1 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2003 and 2002.